

REMARKS

The drawings were found objectionable as follows:

“The definitions of queues”, “authorizations for the queues”, a plurality of program-instance configuration files, “a configuration file for the program” and “lock on the queue definition file” must be shown”, according to the Examiner.

The “definitions of the queues” is described on page 7 lines 5-10, page 9 lines 18-19 and step 222. Step 222 has been amended in Figure 3 to recite that the Queue Objects include Definitions of Message queues.

The “authorizations for the queues” is described on page 6 line 24 to page 7 line 4, page 9 lines 19-21 and step 224. Step 224 has been amended in Figure 3 to recite that the Export Authorizations include Authorizations for the Queues.

The “plurality of program-instance configuration files” is described on page 9 lines 5-6 and 15-18 and steps 208 and 220. Existing step 220 recites “Copy Application-Instance Configuration File to Backup File” and Existing step 208 recites “For Each Application Instance Which is Configured”. Figure 1 has been amended to specifically illustrate the Application-Instance Configuration Files in Backup File 34.

The “configuration file for the program” is described on page 10 lines 10-11 and step 242. Figure 1 has been amended to specifically illustrate the Master Configuration File in Backup File 34.

The "lock on the queue definition file" is described on page 7 lines 22-29. This element is recited only in a method claim (i.e. claim 13) and therefore, does not require illustration in the drawings. However, as requested by the Examiner, a lock 23 has been added to Figure 1 as described on page 7 lines 22-29. The specification has been amended to add reference number "23" after "the lock" recited on page 7 line 29.

Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for a "flow diagram for illustrating steps in claims 1-6 and 13-14". The elements in these claims are sufficiently illustrated in the existing drawings, as amended above. The Examiner has not stated any specific, alleged deficiency, other than those noted above, in the drawings which have been corrected. There is no requirement under the Rules for a "flow diagram" to precisely mimic the claims, word for word. The block diagram of Figure 1 and the flowcharts of Figures 2 and 3 sufficiently illustrate the elements recited in the claims as required by the Rules, and there is sufficient support in the specification.

At this time, there is no change to the status of the patent application Serial 10/635,397. As requested by the Examiner, this patent application 10/635,397 will be listed in a section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications."

As requested by the Examiner, the Title has been amended to "System, Method and Program For Backing up Definitions and Authorizations for Queues, Program Instance Configuration Files and Program Configuration File".


The claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph and correction has been made above, as requested by the Examiner, except for the inclusion of the term "Substantially". This is a widely used, understood and accepted term in claim language. While it increases the scope of the claim, it does not render it vague. (Applicant assumed that the references made by the Examiner to claims 2 and 3 should have been to claims 3 and 4.)

There were no other objections or rejections of the claims.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants request that the present patent application as amended above be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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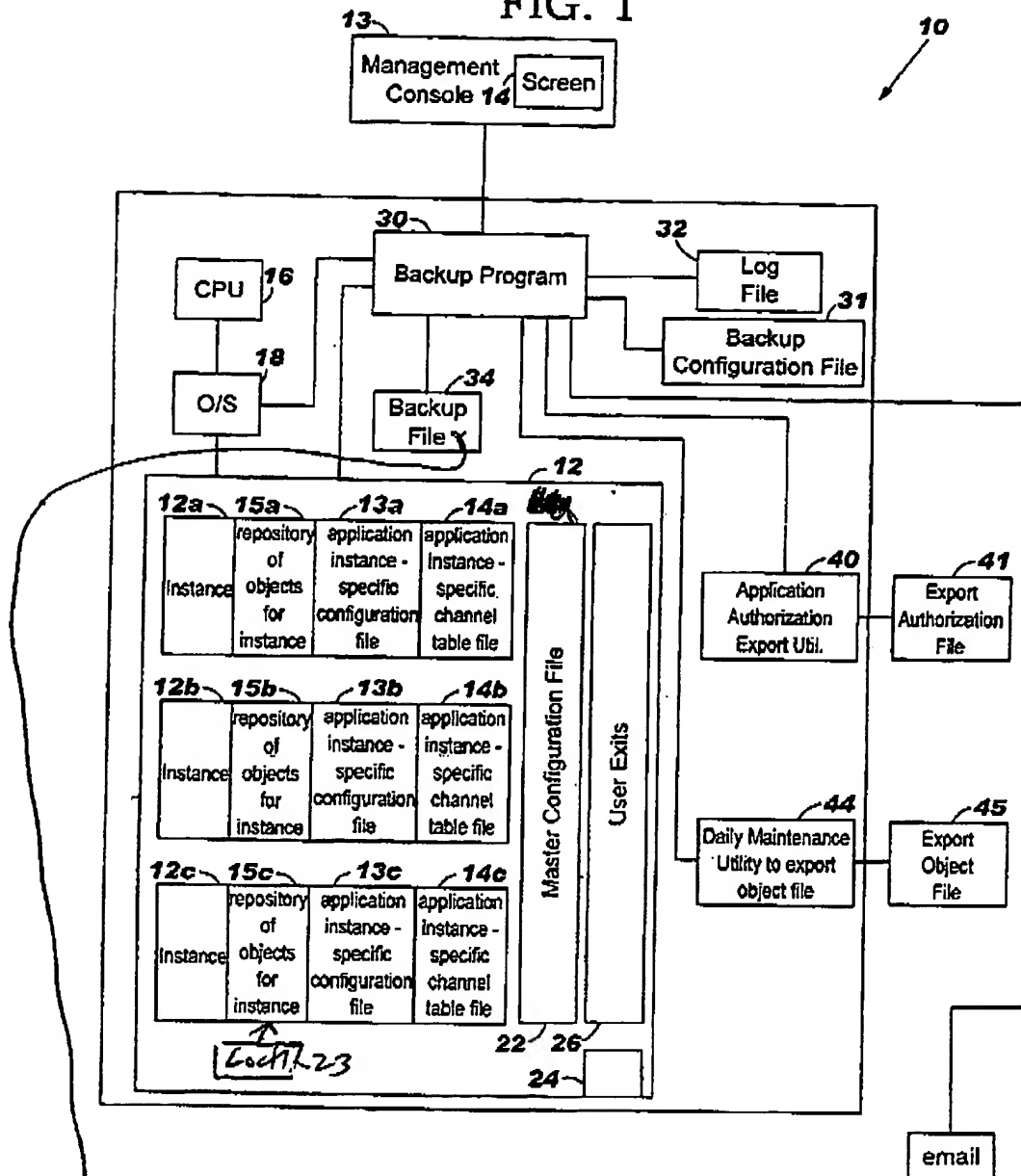


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FIG. 1



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FIG. 3

